

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Certainly it is possible, but even then we shall require substantial funds each year.

Grievances of the Reading Section of the Government Press.

264. ***MR. M. G. MATTHEW** (*Karunagapally cum Kartikapally*), Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Administration Controller of Printing and Stationery has received a memorial from the Government Press Reading Section staff dated 24-5-1113, praying for the redress of certain grievances; and

(b) whether the Readers and Examiners are given promotions according to their grades and seniority?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (a) No.

(b) Readers and Examiners are given promotions according to their grades and seniority, preference being however given to persons with general and technical qualifications.

Supplementary list for the English S. L. C. Examination.

265. ***MR. M. G. MATTHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether a supplementary list of successful candidates who appeared for the English S. L. C. Examination, has been published; and

(b) if so, what prevented the Education Department from including them also in the original list?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (a) Yes;

(b) Details of the moderation rules on the basis of which the Supplemental list had to be prepared became available only on the 27th May 1938. Therefore the names of the candidates given out in the Supplemental list could not be included in the Preliminary List published earlier on the 17th May 1938.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know why the moderation rules are delayed this year?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The rules are framed by a committee of outsiders. We have no control over their actions.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know why Government have delayed the publication of the Supplemental list instead of publishing it along with the preliminary list?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: That would have been disastrous to the students. A number of schools had reopened and a few colleges were reopening early, and the students naturally were anxious to join without losing any time.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: Does not that difficulty arise in the case of students who pass in the supplementary list?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes, they can also join.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know why the supplementary list is published?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: It is published as a matter of concession. So many students fail with a slight deficiency of marks. So a concession is shown by the University.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Sir, I wish to know why this matter was referred to the Madras University this time when the students have to enter our University?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Now that our University is started things can be arranged differently. When these students joined Form VI they had the option to join any College affiliated to the University of Madras after their course. Persons who were desirous of going away could do so.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know whether Government are aware of any students desirous of going away?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I do not know.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know whether such moderation rules have been prepared in previous years by the Madras University?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes.

Maintenance grants to private English Schools.

266. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the principle or the basis on which maintenance grants are yearly allowed and paid to the various private English High Schools and English Middle Schools in the State;

(b) whether the maintenance grants allotted to such schools bear any fixed proportion to the deficits shown by the school managers in their yearly financial statements submitted to Government along with the applications for such grants

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, what is the proportion between the grant allowed and the deficit found; and

(d) the name and designation of the Officer of Government who allowed such grants in 1112 and 1113?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (a), (b) and (c): The member is referred to Rule 147 (b) of the Education Code. Subject to the availability of funds, grant-in-aid is sanctioned at present to the extent of one-third of the allowable deficit in the case of English Schools for boys and one-half of allowable deficit in the case of English Schools for Girls. Total strength, general efficiency, adequate staff and other factors that contribute to the proper working of the institutions are also taken into consideration in awarding grant.

(d) The Director of Public Instruction

1112 M. E. (1) Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan,
(2) Dr. K. L. Moudgill.
1113 M. E. (1) Dr. K. L. Moudgill,
(2) Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan,
(3) Mr. A. Gopala Menon.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know the extent of the grant?